

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 218

By Yokley

A RESOLUTION to commend the members of the Newport Rescue Squad for honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Newport Rescue Squad are such estimable persons who evince the greatest integrity and probity in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1957, the Newport Rescue Squad is funded entirely by donations from local citizens, the local government, and Squad-sponsored fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, originally, the Newport Rescue Squad was created to find drowning victims; today, the Newport Rescue Squad performs vehicle extrication, searches for lost people on land and drowning victims in waters, swift water rescue, trench and collapse rescue, and first aid stand-bys at events throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Squad are trained in basic first aid, CPR, vehicle extrication, emergency vehicle driving, and self-protection from blood-borne pathogens and hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, in the first eleven months of 2007, the Newport Rescue Squad answered 846 calls and logged over 15,116.25 work hours; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable success and longevity enjoyed by the Newport Rescue Squad is directly attributable to the Squad members' reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and their uncommon ability to protect and serve people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Newport Rescue Squad epitomize the ideal of consummate professionals, dedicated public servants, and reliable friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the Newport Rescue Squad, countless lives are saved and many crises are averted, all of which are just part of the daily work of these brave men and women; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Newport Rescue Squad are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend the members of the Newport Rescue Squad for fifty years of honorable and astute service to Tennessee and salute their unswerving commitment to promoting and maintaining the safety and welfare of the good people of Cocke County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.